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HOUSE BILL 3338

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AN ACT to amend Chapter 62 of the Private Acts of 1977, and all other acts amendatory thereto, relative to vesting in a board of directors known as The Maury County Animal Control Board.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Chapter 62 of the Private Acts of 1977, and any acts amendatory thereto, governing rabies control, provision of an animal shelter and other matters related to dogs and cats in Maury County, is amended by adding Sections 2 through 6 of this act as new Sections 20-24 thereto and by redesignating the existing sections accordingly.

SECTION 2. Supervision of all matters related to the control of animals provided in Chapter 62 of the Private Acts of 1977 will be vested in a Board of Directors known as the Maury County Animal Control Board. The board of directors will consist of two (2) representatives appointed by the Maury County Commission, two (2) appointed by the City of Columbia City Council, two (2) appointed by the Columbia Animal Shelter Association, and two (2) appointed by the City Council of each other city of Maury County which elects to participate and financially contribute to the board's expenses. The board will also appoint two (2) at-large directors. Directors will have four-year terms, except the initial term of one (1) initial director

from each appointing authority will be two (2) years. All directors will be Maury County residents.

SECTION 3. The Board will appoint a manager to be in charge of the animal control functions in Maury County and will provide for other necessary employees to carry out the functions of the board. The board will annually elect a chairman, vice chairman, and such other officers as it deems necessary and will hold regular board meetings at least four (4) times a year.

SECTION 4. The board will prepare an annual budget requesting funding from the participating governments and the Animal Shelter Association using the timing and procedures of such governments' budget processes in requesting such funding. Contributions to the operating budget must be approved by each participating entities' legislative body or board of directors. The board of directors shall be in control of all operations, expenditures, policies and procedures within the limits of the budget. The board may receive and expend any private contributions received for any purposes related to its mission. Educational and animal population control programs may be instituted by the board. The board will keep public records and minutes reflecting all business transacted.

SECTION 5. All fees and charges provided by Chapter 62 of the Private Acts of 1977 may be increased from time to time if deemed desirable by the board of directors, provided that the county and each participating cities' legislative body approves any such increases by resolution.

SECTION 6. The board may execute contracts and other agreements and will be in charge of the employment, compensation, discharge and supervision of all personnel.

SECTION 7. This act shall have no effect unless it is approved by two-thirds (2/3) vote of the county commission of Maury County. Its approval or nonapproval shall be proclaimed by the presiding officer of the county commission of Maury County and certified to the secretary of state.

SECTION 8. For the purpose of approving or rejecting the provisions of this act, it shall be effective upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it. For all other purposes, it shall become effective upon being approved as provided in Section 7.